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ANY OTHER BUSINESS, LIMITATION OF COMMITTEES

WITHIN NATO

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1. AT DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING MAY 23 UNDER AGENDA ITEM XI ("ANY OTHER BUSINESS"), SYG LUNS REFERRED TO THE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY THE GERMAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE (LEBER) AT THE DECEMBER MEETING OVER THE LARGE NUMBER OF WORKING GROUPS EXISTING IN NATO, SAYING HE WILL SOON SUBMIT AN INTERIM REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON THE MEASURES THAT HE HAS TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED.

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2. HE REPORTED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH AMBASSADORS AND HAD HIS STAFF MAKE A SURVEY OF THE NATO COMMITTEE STRUCTURE; THIS SURVEY IS RECOMMENDING NUMEROUS CUTS, PARTICULARLY IN CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING AND ARMAMENTS WHERE THEY

ARE OF THE ORDER OF 40PCT AND 21 PCT RESPECTIVELY. THE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL GO TO THE SENIOR COMMITTEES CONCERNED, HE SAID.

3. THE SYG WAS CONFIDENT THAT SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS COULD BE MADE WITHOUT UNDULY WEAKENING ESSENTIAL MULTILATERAL CONTACTS AND THAT FUTURE PROLIFERATION OF "LITTLE PLANTS WHICH BECOME TREES" CAN BE AVOIDED, BUT TO ATTAIN THESE OBJECTIVES HE WOULD HAVE TO COUNT UPON THE PARTICULAR ASSISTNACE OF THE DEFENSE MINISTERS, WHO ARE THE AUTHORS OF SO MANY OF OUR PROJECTS.

4. THE SYG NOTED THAT THIS WAS MERELY A DECLARATION ON HIS PART. AMBASSADOR KRAFT (FRG) THANKED HIM ON BEHALF OF MINISTER LEBER AND WISHED HIM LUCK IN THIS UNDERTAKING. BRUCE

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